

trian Ambassador to the Porte, will probably leave for Constantinople with the Prince of Rouss on the 11th inst.

#### CONSTANTINOPLE IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

The Turkish Chamber of Deputies is engaged discussing a ministerial bill for proclaiming a state of siege in Constantinople. The Porte notified the representatives of the Powers yesterday that it had declared a blockade of the Russian coast. The Russian Black Sea. A delay of three days would be granted vessels wishing to enter, and five days those intending to leave the Black Sea. The Russian Telegraphic Agency states that the Porte has relinquished its intention of expelling all Russian subjects from Turkey, but reserves the right of expelling suspicious persons.

The Turkish Press law of 1865 has been suspended and the Constantinople newspapers are now placed altogether under administrative control.

The Times' Paris special says, however, that the Porte has assured Mr. Layard that a state of siege will not be proclaimed unless necessary. The Porte has notified the German Embassy that Russians will be permitted to enter Turkey.

#### RUSSIA'S CO-OPERATION FULLY.

The committee of the Egyptian Assembly of Notables at Cairo, having decided upon the imposition of an extraordinary war tax of £400,000, the Khedive has telegraphed to Constantinople that the Egyptian contingent now in Turkey, numbering 9,000 men, will be raised to 12,000. The remainder of the Egyptian contingent will be kept in Egypt for the protection of the Suez Canal.

#### ENGLAND'S PREPARATIONS.

The first steps are given to understand that with a view to possible contingencies in the East the government has resolved to fit out for sea with the utmost expedition the whole class of small turret ships, of which the Hecate and Gladiolus are types. These vessels, though armor plated, are of comparatively light draught. They carry four powerful guns each. The Hecate will probably be first ready for sea.

Among other considerable quantities of stores which are being sent to Gibraltar and Malta seventeen 28-ton guns are ordered to be sent to the former fortress, and works for mounting them are ordered to be completed. The Times, in its military intelligence, says:—"It is understood that three regiments of dragon guards have been placed on a list for service abroad should their services be required."

#### RUSSIA'S WAR FLEET.

Letters from St. Petersburg report that the mobilization of the Russian army will not become general. Three divisions of the St. Petersburg corps have been placed on a war footing. The first and second divisions of the Infantry of the Guard are being mobilized. These troops will for the present remain as a reserve in their garrison quarters.

In reply to numerous offers of assistance to the Medical Department of the Russian army from Germany, France and Italian doctors, the Minister of War, while expressing thanks, states that he is unable at present to utilize their services. He, however, reserves the liberty of availing himself of their offers should occasion require.

#### A POSSIBLE CHANGE OF POSITION.

It is reported that Mr. Greenwood, editor of the Pall Mall Gazette, is about to take a responsible position on the Times. The query arises whether this may not indicate a change in the Times' attitude on the Eastern question. Mr. Greenwood's writings in the Pall Mall Gazette have been strongly anti-Russian.

#### REVISTA TO MOBILIZE HER TROOPS.

A decree has been issued at Belgrade forbidding Serbians from leaving the country without permission of the authorities. This order is undoubtedly prompted by the prospect of a general mobilization of the Serbian troops.

The Serbian Red Cross Society is sending ambulances to Roumania and Montenegro. A Council of Ministers, at which Prince Milan presided, was held on Tuesday to consider the question of the mobilization of the army.

Refugees are beginning to arrive in Servia from Widin. Eyoni Pasha asked if Servia would consent to receive them, as the Russians are expected to bombard Widin from Kalafat.

#### THE CATHOLIC QUESTION IN FRANCE.

The republican papers at Paris are most irritated at M. Jules Simon's speech in the Chamber of Deputies about the ultramontane agitation, and some assert that the position of the Cabinet may be endangered by this question. Minister Simon, in his speech on Deputy Leboucq's interpellation, pointed out particularly the scrupulous manner in which Italy had observed the law of the Papal guarantees. The Italian ambassador has since called on M. Simon and thanked him for the manner in which he had referred to Italy during the debate. Several papers attribute M. Simon's conciliatory tone toward the Catholics to President MacMahon's intervention. In the Chamber of Deputies at Versailles, yesterday, the debate on M. Leboucq's interpellation was resumed by M. Gambetta, who said in the presence of a large assembly of republicans and Catholics that the government's policy toward the members of former reactionary Cabinets, who have taken refuge in the Senate, were directing the present movement. After reviewing against the Catholicism of the clergy he declared it was time the churches should be relegated to their proper subterranean position in the State, and that the government should endeavor to save the State in which a breach had been made by partisan interests and Catholicism.

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The last statement was greeted with prolonged applause by the Left.

Minister Simon indignantly repudiated the assertion that his speech of Thursday was dictated by the President. He repeated his declaration of the government's determination to make the law respected. They would do so with all the more energy as advantage might be taken of the impunity which the government had already granted (probably meaning the bishops) to prejudice the good relations with Italy.

M. Gambetta, the recently elected clericalist Deputy, denied that the Catholics were voting with Italy.

The Chamber, by a vote of 361 yeas to 121 nays, adopted an order of the day presented by the Left and accepted by the government, declaring that the Chamber, considering that the recrudescence of ultramontane manifestations constitutes a danger to peace at home and abroad, calls upon the government to use the lawful means at its disposal.

#### THE PORT'S TEMPORAL POWER.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies today Minister Melograni, in answer to a Deputy who had given notice of an interpellation relative to the reactionary movement commencing abroad in favor of a restoration of the temporal power of the Pope, declared that the work of private individuals and deserved no serious consideration. The Powers were concerned that the Church and the Pope enjoyed complete liberty and independence. The Powers have never adopted any observations to the government on the subject. The interpellation was postponed on the subject of the government, Signor Nicotri stating that a postponement would show that the facts mentioned in the interpellation had not the importance which had been attributed to them, and that the government entertained no apprehensions in regard to the agitation.

In the Senate the general discussion on the Clerical Abuse bill has closed.

The ALIANCE-LORRAINE QUESTION. The war between France and Germany has induced the inhabitants of Strasbourg to induce him to postpone the reinforcement of the Alliance-Lorraine parishes. It is hoped the French government will profit by this impulse to diminish their forces in the frontier districts.

DR. STROUSBERG'S CASE. The Senate at St. Petersburg has decided that the Moscow Tribunal of Commerce, which declared itself incompetent to adjudicate Dr. Strousberg, the railway proprietor, a bankrupt, does not possess the necessary jurisdiction. The Senate has accordingly ordered that Dr. Strousberg be prohibited from leaving the country.

A HIND OF PASSAGE. Detective Golden, with Thomas C. Lewis, implicated in the Rabbit employment in New York, sailed from New York for New York in the Japan line steamship City of Richmond yesterday.

COLD, RAIN WEATHER. Unusually cold weather prevails here.

#### RACING IN ENGLAND.

##### THE THOUSAND GUINEAS WON BY LORD HARTINGTON'S BELPHOE.

This was the fourth and last day of the First Spring Meeting at Newmarket, and the race for the Thousand Guineas was run and won by Lord Hartington's bay filly Belphebe (the sister of Siray Shah), by Topotele, dam Lady, with 23 to 1 against her, against her, Lady Vane, with 23 to 1 against her, second place and money, while Lady Golightly, with 3 to 1 against her, only managed to secure third place and her stake. The Thousand Guineas, like the Oaks, is exclusively for fillies, and bears the same relation to the latter race that the Two Thousand Guineas does to the Derby—a sort of preliminary trial of a mile over an easy course, to ascertain, if possible, the chances of the candidates of staying over the trying mile and a half at Epsom. The Thousand Guineas has been in existence over sixty years, being inaugurated in 1814. The winner, Belphebe, made her first appearance in the First Spring Two-year-old stakes at the First Spring Meeting, at Newmarket, last year, and won, the distance being five furlongs and the stakes £500. With 120 lbs. on her back she beat a field of nine, the one next to her at the finish being Cannon Ball, Dukensay third. She did not run again during

the spring or summer months, but at the Newmarket Second October Meeting she ran for and won the Belphebe Stakes, after a dead heat with Dynamite. The day following she ran in the Juvenile Handicap, and was fourth at the finish, Brights, Beunham and Arbitrator being in front of her in the order named. Belphebe's next appearance was on the third day of the Newmarket Nursery Meeting, when she started in the Juvenile Nursery Stakes and finished fourth. She had one more race and that closed her two-year-old campaign. This was for the Troy Stakes of £200, and she was again fifth. Belphebe has not appeared before yesterday this year, and her making a win at the first effort, and over such good ones as Lady Ronald and Lady Golightly, makes her chances fair for more victories.

#### THE FOLLOWING IS A

THE THOUSAND GUINEAS STAKE, a subscription of 100 sovs. each, half forfeit, for three-year-old fillies, 122 lbs. each; the owner of the second filly to receive 200 sovs. out of the stakes, and the third to have her stake. R. M. (34 sub.)

Lord Hartington's b. f. Belphebe (sister to Siray Shah), by Topotele, dam Lady, 122 lbs. 1

M. E. Ansell's b. f. Lady Ronald, by Lord Lyon, dam Edith, 122 lbs. 2

Lord Falkland's b. f. Lady Golightly, by King Tom, dam Lady Corcoran, 122 lbs. 3

#### DOMINION OF CANADA.

##### MILITARY ACTIVITY.

The forts in the neighborhood of this city are being supplied with improved guns and ammunition. Much activity is displayed by the military authorities. Three iron clads are to be stationed here and another regiment—the Forty-second Highlanders—is expected shortly.

REMOVALS OF CABINET CHANGES.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 4, 1877. The following rumors are current here—Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Premier, is to resign the Department of Public Works and take the Presidency of the Council. Mr. Cauchon being appointed to come outside office; Mr. Huntington or Mr. Scott to take the Public Works; Mr. Smith and Mr. Blake retiring from the Ministry for private reasons; Mr. Laurier to take the office of Minister of Justice, but Mr. Killam to be taken into the Cabinet in place of one of the Nova Scotia members. Other changes are on the tapis. It is considered certain that considerable reconstruction will take place.

ORDERED TO JOIN HIS REGIMENT.

Captain Hamilton, aide-de-camp to the Governor-General, has been ordered to join his regiment, and proceeds to England at once.

SMALLPOX.

MONTREAL, May 4, 1877. Smallpox is still prevalent in the townships of Ely and North Steady. Upward of fifty cases have been reported.

THE STRAMER CITY OF BRUSSELS.

Great anxiety exists regarding the safety of the steamer City of Brussels, upon which the Irish pilgrims sail.

THE BERMUDA-HALIFAX CABLE.

HALIFAX, May 4, 1877. The steamer Faraday is understood to be employed by the imperial government upon a cable between Bermuda and Halifax.

HERRING FISHING.

Herring fishing at Magdalen Islands has commenced. There is a large number of vessels, but fish are scarce.

LAND SLIDE.

It is now stated that only five persons perished by the land slide in Geneva parish and the consequent inundation from the Balaton River yesterday. The whole of the half mile slide slipped into the lake. The tanks on either side slipped into the lake, carrying the water before them like a wall twenty feet high. The bed of the river is filled with trees and brush, and huge blocks of rock. The whole slide took only a few minutes. At the instant to-day on the bodies recovered a verdict of accidental death was rendered. The body of a child is still missing.

THE HALIFAX-YALE REGATTA.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GRAND CONTEST AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS., NEXT JUNE.

SPRINGFIELD, May 4, 1877. It has been finally and definitely settled that the Harvard and Yale University crews will contest their aquatic skill on the Connecticut River, opposite this city. President Davis and President Weld, of the Yale and Harvard navies, are here this week, industriously engaged in perfecting the preliminary arrangements, and in the course of a month, perhaps sooner, the rival crews will commence practicing on the waters where the struggle for honor and glory is to take place. The decision to come here is very pleasing to the Springfield people, and the occasion will be made the chief carnival day of the summer in the Connecticut Valley. 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